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TECH CENTER 1600/2900 Art Unit 1656

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/266,935; Filed: March 12, 1999
For: **Compositions and Methods for Enhanced Synthesis of Nucleic
Acid Molecules**
Inventors: Li *et al.*
Our Ref: 0942.4560001/RWE/BJD

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. PTO Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17);
2. Our Check No. 36043 in the amount of \$920.00 to cover the appropriate fee for a 3-mo. extension of time;
3. Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1);
4. Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111; and
5. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status See 37 CFR 1.27

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106	330	206	165	Design filing fee	
107	510	207	255	Plant filing fee	
108	740	208	370	Reissue filing fee	
114	160	214	80	Provisional filing fee	

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Indep. Claims - 3** =	X		
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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent claim
108	84	209	42	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination
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113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month
116	400	216	200	Extension for reply within second month
117	920	217	460	Extension for reply within third month
118	1,440	218	720	Extension for reply within fourth month
128	1,960	228	980	Extension for reply within fifth month
119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal
121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable
141	1,280	241	640	Petition to revive - unintentional
142	1,280	242	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)
143	460	243	230	Design issue fee
144	620	244	310	Plant issue fee
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner
123	130	123	130	Petitions related to provisional applications
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
581	40	481	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
146	740	246	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))
149	740	249	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))
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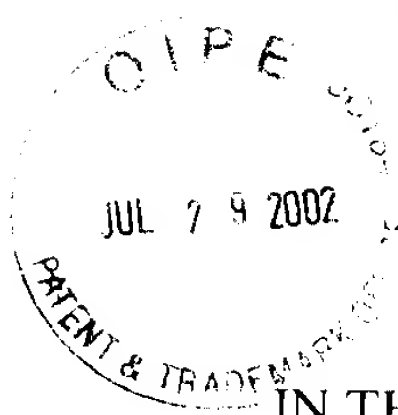
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Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action issued in the captioned matter on January 29, 2002 (Paper No. 20), Applicants submit the following remarks. Since no amendments are submitted herewith, Applicants submit appropriate remarks and arguments starting on a separate page. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 and MPEP § 714.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.